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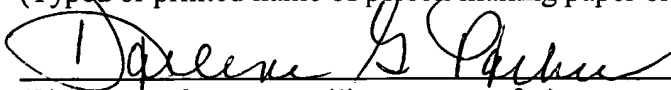
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☐ Specification originally filed in non-English language; hence verified translation attached of:
☐ Abstract ☐ ___ pages of Specification (only spec. & claims) ☐ Drawing Figs.
☐ ___ sheet(s) of formal drawings enclosed: size: ☐ A4 ☐ 14" ☐ 8½ by 11
☒ Attached is an assignment to Michelin Recherche et Technique S.A., Switzerland.
☐ Priority is hereby claimed under rule 55 and 35 U.S.C. 119 based on prior foreign application(s) no(s).
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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/23/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/23/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 09/23/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/23/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 09/23/2005

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the international application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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